GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4360
ANSWERED ON:28.03.2017
Sugarcane Arrears
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of debt/dues sugar mills owe to farmers as of 1st January, 2017 and the measures being taken by the Government to pay this due amount;
(b) whether the sugarcane farmers in some States are yet to get arrears from sugar mills, if so, the details thereof, State-wise since the last three years;
(c) whether private and corporate owned mills top the list which are yet to pay the farmers the full price, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(d) whether sugar mills have paid Rs. 48,674 crore to sugarcane farmers and owe about Rs. 4225 crore for the marketing year ending September, 2016, if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the cane price payable and arrears have been calculated on the basis of fair and remunerative price which is minimum price fixed by the Centre to be paid to farmers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): As on 01.01.2017, an amount of Rs. 11,283.42 crores of dues to sugarcane farmers was outstanding against the sugar mills. The Sugarcane (Control) Order,1966 stipulates payment of cane price within 14 days of supply, failing which interest at the rate of 15% per annum on amount due for the delayed period beyond 14 days is payable. The powers for enforcing this provision are delegated and vested with the State Governments/UT Administrations who have necessary field formations for implementation of the said provision. The Central Government advices the State Governments from time to time to ensure timely payment to the cane growers and to take strict action against the defaulting sugar mills for nonpayment of cane price dues. Statement showing State-wise cane price dues of sugar mills for current year 2016-17 and last three sugar seasons as on 01.01.2017 is at Annexure-I.
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(c): Yes Madam, as on 01.01.2017, cane price dues of sugar season 2016-17 of private and corporate owned sugar mills is highest as compared to Cooperative and Public Sector owned sugar mills. The details of outstanding cane price dues of private, cooperative and public owned sugar mills are Rs. 6107.33 crores, 2407.36 crores and 162.29 crores respectively. Current sugar season 2016-17 is still going on and payment of sugarcane dues to farmers is an ongoing process. The dues position of farmers changes continuously on account of fresh supplies received and payment made for previous supplies.
(d): No Madam, as on 30.09.2016, sugar mills have paid Rs.56,992.92 crores to sugarcane farmers and owe about Rs.3,289.45 crores for the sugar season 2015-16. However, as on 01.01.2017, sugarcane dues of farmers for 2015-16 have come down to Rs. 1489.47 crores.
(e): Statement showing State-wise cane price payable and arrears calculated on the basis of Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for the current sugar season 2016-17 as on 01.01.2017 is at Annexure-II.
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ANNEXURE-I
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A)& (B) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4360 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.03.2017 IN LOK SABHA.
STATEMENT SHOWING CANE PRICE ARREARS FOR 2016-17,2015-16,2014-15 & EARLIER SUGAR SEASONS (position as on 01.01.2017)
(Rs. in crores)
SL. NO.
STATE
CANE PRICE ARREARS 2016-17
CANE PRICE ARREARS 2015-16
CANE PRICE ARREARS FOR 2014-15 & EARLIER
TOTAL CANE PRICE ARREARS
1
PUNJAB
256.62
0.00
0.00
256.62
2
HARYANA
243.92
0.00

0.00
243.92
3
UTTAR PRADESH
4237.38
599.96
153.61
4990.95
4
UTTARAKHAND
227.22
47.43
24.92
299.57
5
MADHYA PRADESH
171.84
4.04
13.39
189.27
6
CHHATISGARH
24.14
1.01
0.00
25.15
7
GUJARAT
349.17
15.09
13.46
377.72
8
MAHARASHTRA
829.65
70.82
208.99
1109.46
9
BIHAR
191.58
1.97
41.90
235.45
10
ANDHRA PRADESH
194.12
33.43
15.48
243.03
11
KARNATAKA
1410.40
27.62
86.07
1524.09
12
TAMIL NADU
427.72
677.22
550.30
1655.24
13
KERALA
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
14
ODISHA
13.31

0.00
2.94
16.25
15
WEST BENGAL
0.00
0.00
1.45
1.45
16
PUDUCHERRY
0.00
8.43
4.47
12.90
17
TELANGANA
99.90
2.45
0.00
102.35
TOTAL
8676.97
1489.47
1116.98
11283.42
Note:- Cane Price Arrears on State Advised Price (SAP) pertaining to 5 State viz., U.P, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu rest are on Fair Remunerative Price (FRP) basis.
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ANNEXURE-II
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (E) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4360 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.03.2017 IN LOK SABHA.
STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE CANE PRICE PAYABLE AND ARREARS CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE PRICE (FRP) FOR THE CURRENT SUGAR SEASON 2016-17
(AS ON 01.01.2017) (Rs. in crores)
S.No.
Name of the State
Sugarcane dues Payable on FRP basis
Sugarcane dues Arrears on FRP basis
1.
Bihar
453.86
191.58
2.
Haryana
340.08
231.81
3.
Punjab
380.21
142.13
4.
Uttrakhand
256.01
138.73
5.
Uttar Pradesh
6561.71
1914.56
6.
Andhra Pradesh
510.03
194.12
7.
Telangana
165.52
99.90
8.
Gujarat
620.96
349.17

9.
Maharashtra
3805.63
829.65
10.
Karnataka
4025.95
1410.40
11.
Tamil Nadu
556.60
318.64
12.
Puducherry
0.00
0.00
13.
Chhattisgarh
24.14
24.14
14.
Odisha
31.18
13.31
15.
Madhya Pradesh
359.98
171.84
16.
Goa
0.00
0.00
17.
West Bengal
0.00
0.00
Total
18091.86
6029.98
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